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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 2026

CALENDAR & DIRECTORY



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All dates in this calendar are tentative and subject to change. Please visit our website for updates and changes.	1 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	2 Superintendent's Conference Day Modified Fall Sports Begin	3 Superintendent's Conference Day Grade 9 & New Student Orientation, 7:45-11:50 am Pashley PTA Chalk the Walk	4 A FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Kindergarten Orientation (See school schedule for times)	5 B Stevens PTA Welcome Back Staff Breakfast Pashley Red, White & Blue Spirit Day	6
	7 C	8 D HS PTSA Meeting, 7 pm Friends of Music Meeting, 7 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C	9 E Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library	10 F Stevens Grade 5 SPAC Dance Residency Begins Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	11 A Grade 6 Rec Night, 6:30-8 pm Pashley Spirit Day	12 B
	13	14 C School Bus Drill	15 D School Bus Drill	16 E Stevens Grade 5 SPAC Dance Residency Begins Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	17 F Stevens Grade 5 SPAC Dance Residency Begins Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	18 A
	19 B O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Pashley Club Choice Fundraiser Begins	20 C HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm Grade 6 Back-to-School Night, 6 pm	21 D Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room Fall Continuing Education Program In-Person Registration, 7-8 pm, HS Library	22 E HS Mini College Fair, 11 am, Gym Grades 7-8 Back-to-School Night, 6 pm	23 F Stevens & Charlton Heights Ride for MC Visits HS Student Government Leadership Day	24 A
	25 C Pashley Trail Clean Up Day, 10 am	26 D Rosh Hashanah (Begins at Sundown)	27 E Grades 3-5 Back-to-School Night, 6 pm	28 F HS Student Government Class/Club Fair, 11 am-1 pm Rosh Hashanah (Ends at Sundown)	29 A O'Rourke Drama Club Student Meeting, Activity Period Grades 1-2 Back-to-School Night, 6 pm HS PTSA Parents Night, 6 pm HS Back-to-School Night, 6:30 pm	30 B O'Rourke Yearbook Club Field Trip Grade 7 Rec Night, 6:30-8:30 pm Stevens Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Popcorn Day
28 F	29 A Charlton Heights Children's Garden SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C	30 B				

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			B 1 Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Yom Kippur (Begins at Sundown)	C 2 K-12 HALF DAY	D 3 Charlton Heights Children's Garden Charlton Heights PTA Family Fun Night Pashley Red, White & Blue Day	4 SATs, 7:45 am
5	E 6 HS German PEACE Exchange Students Arrive at BH-BL Pashley Spiritwear Sale Kickoff	F 7 O'Rourke National Jr Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, MS Cafeteria Charlton Heights Fire Safety Day	A 8 O'Rourke Career Jam Charlton Heights & Stevens School Picture Day O'Rourke Girl Fusion Movie Night, 6-8 pm, Courtyard Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room Charlton Heights New Family Social, 6 pm	B 9 Charlton Heights Walk for the Arts, 9:15 am HS Mini College Fair, 11 am, Gym O'Rourke Drama Club Parent Meeting, 6-7 pm Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria	C 10 EMERGENCY EARLY RELEASE DRILL (Dismiss 15 minutes early) O'Rourke New Student Breakfast Pashley Spirit Day HS Homecoming Pep Rally, 1 pm HS SGO Woodburn, 7-9:30 pm HS 5-Week Interim Report Period Ends & Reports Posted in Portal	11 Homecoming Football Game vs. Warwick Valley, 1:30 pm Kickoff, Centennial Field
12	NO SCHOOL Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	D 14 HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm	E 15 HS College Financial Aid Meeting for Parents, 6:30 pm, Spartan LGI	F 16 HS Yearbook Pictures (Grades 9-11) Charlton Heights PTA Mtg, 7 pm HS German PEACE Exchange Students Depart BH-BL	A 17 HS Yearbook Pictures (Grades 9-11) Grade 6 Rec Night, 6:30-8:30 pm Pashley Popcorn Day Pashley PTA Movie Night, 6 pm, Cafeteria	18 PSATs, 7:45 am
19	B 20 Taste of Burnt Hills, 6-8 pm, O'Rourke Middle School O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Elementary Schools Book Fair Week Diwali	C 21 Pashley School Picture Day Pashley PTA Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser, 5-9 pm, Chipotle	D 22 O'Rourke School Picture Day Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room High School Fall Concert, 7:30 pm, Auditorium	E 23 O'Rourke School Picture Day SWCMEA All-County Band Fest, 4-7 pm, Saratoga HS SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C	F 24 Stevens Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Monster Mash, 4-6 pm Stevens Monster Mash, 4:30-6:30 pm Pashley Spooktacular & Bookfair, 6-8 pm	25 SWCMEA All-County Band Fest, 9 am-2 pm, Saratoga HS
26	A 27	B 28	C 29	D 30	E 31 Pashley Halloween Parade, 9:45 am Charlton Heights Halloween Parade, 10:15 am Stevens Halloween Parade, 1:45 pm Charlton Heights Popcorn Day	

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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 F O'Rourke Quarter 1 Ends HS PTSA Meeting, 7 pm Pashley PTA Penny Wars (Thru 11/7) Grades 3 & 5 CoGATS	4 A O'Rourke Quarter 2 Begins Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Election Day	5 B Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm	6 C High School Fall Drama Production, 7 pm, Auditorium	7 D Elementary Schools Veterans Day Breakfast, 8-9 am HS Veterans Day Ceremony, 9:15 am, Freedom Circle HS 10-Week Report Card Period Ends K-5 1st Trimester Ends High School Fall Drama Production, 7 pm, Auditorium Pashley Red, White & Blue Day	8 O'Rourke PTA Annual Craft Fair, 10 am-2 pm High School Fall Drama Production, 1 pm, Auditorium
9	10 E K-5 2nd Trimester Begins	11 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	12 A Stevens School Picture Retakes Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	13 B HS Report Cards Distributed Stevens Popcorn Day Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Stevens Grade 5 SPAC Dance Residency Performance, 6:30 pm	14 C K-5 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day Elementary Schools Parent-Teacher Conferences O'Rourke Report Cards Issued Grade 7 Rec Night, 6:30-8:30 pm	15
16	17 D O'Rourke PTA Meeting 6:30 pm, Library High School Winter Sports Begin O'Rourke Drama Club Auditions, 2:30-5:30 pm	18 E HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C	19 F Charlton Heights School Picture Retakes K-5 First Annual BH-BL World's Fair, 6-7:30 pm, HS Cafeteria	20 A K-12 HALF DAY Elementary Schools Parent-Teacher Conferences Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	21 B K-5 HALF DAY Elementary Schools Parent-Teacher Conferences Pashley Spirit Day Pashley PTA Karaoke Night, 6 pm Area All-State Music Festival, 1-5 pm, Proctor's Theater	22 Area All-State Music Festival, 9 am-2 pm (Concert), Proctor's Theater
23	24 C O'Rourke School Picture Retakes O'Rourke Drama Club Read Through, 2:30-5:30 pm Modified Winter Sports Begin	25 D Pashley PTA Sky Zone Spirit Night, 4-8 pm, Clifton Park Sky Zone	26 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	28 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	29
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	1 E O'Rourke Toys for Tots Drive	2 F	3 A HS Yearbook Picture Retakes (Grades 9-11) Pashley School Picture Retakes Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Pashley Holiday Shop, 5:30-7 pm, Cafeteria	4 B Charlton Heights Holiday Shop (Snow Date: 12/5) Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Pashley Holiday Shop, 5:30-7 pm, Cafeteria O'Rourke Winter Concert #1, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium	5 C Stevens PTA Movie Night, 6:30 pm Pashley Red, White & Blue Day	6 SATs, 7:45 am
7 D	8 E HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm O'Rourke Winter Concert #2, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium	9 F Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	10 A K-12 HALF DAY	11 B Charlton Heights Seussical Performance, 6:30 pm Pashley Winter Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium	12 C Pashley Popcorn & Spirit Day HS 15-Week Interim Period Ends & Reports Posted on Portal Stevens PTA Holiday Shop Pashley PTA Movie Night, 6 pm, Cafeteria Charlton Heights Seussical Performance, 6:30 pm	13
14 C High School Winter Concert #1, 7:30 pm, Auditorium Hanukkah (Begins at Sundown)	15 D Pashley PTA Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser, 4-8 pm, Glenville Panera Bread High School Winter Concert #2, 7:30 pm, Auditorium	16 E Charlton Heights Winter Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium School Bus Drill	17 F HS Holiday Assembly, 9 am, Auditorium School Bus Drill	18 A Charlton Heights Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Holiday Sing-A-Long	19 B	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess Hanukkah (Ends at Sundown)	23 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	24 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess Christmas Eve	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Day	26 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess Kwanzaa Begins	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	30 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	31 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess New Year's Eve			

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				1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends	2 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	3
4	5	6 Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library	7 Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	8 Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Stevens Winter Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium	9 Pashley Red, White & Blue Day Pashley PTA BINGO Night (K-2), 6 pm, Cafeteria SWCMEA All-County Orchestra/Jazz Fest, 4-7 pm, Queensbury HS Charlton Heights PTA Family Fun Night	10 SWCMEA All-County Orch/Jazz Fest, 9 am-2 pm (Concert), Queensbury HS
11	12 O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Friends of Music Meeting, 7 pm, HS Library DL Classroom 150C	13 HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm O'Rourke Winter Concert #3, 7 pm, HS Auditorium	14 Winter Continuing Education Program In-Person Registration, 7-8 pm, HS Library	15	16 Pashley Popcorn & Spirit Day Pashley PTA BINGO Night (Grs 3-5), 6 pm, Cafeteria O'Rourke Winter Dance, 7-9 pm	17 Spartan Spotlight (Unified Theater) Production, 1 pm
18	19 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	22 O'Rourke Quarter 2 Ends Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm Stevens PTA Science Night, 5-7 pm	23 K-5 HALF DAY GRS 6-8 NO SCHOOL HS 20-Week Report Card Period Ends	24
25	26 O'Rourke Quarter 3 Begins HS 2nd Semester Begins Charlton Heights Kindness Week	27	28	29 SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C	30 SWCMEA All-County Choral Fest, 1-5 pm, Schuylerville HS Stevens Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Popcorn Day HS Report Cards Distributed	31 SWCMEA All-County Choral Fest, 9 am-2 pm (Concert), Schuylerville HS

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1	2	3 K-12 HALF DAY O'Rourke Report Cards Issued Spartan Catering Curbside Pick Up Dinner, 4-6 pm, HS Back Parking Lot HS PTSA Meeting, 7 pm O'Rourke Super Bowl Soup Drive	4 Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	5 Art in 3D Show, Mohonasen HS (Thru 2/28) Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Grade 8 Parents Visit HS, 6:30 pm, HS Auditorium	6 Pashley Red, White & Blue Day Grade 6 Rec Night, 6:30-8:30 pm	7 Pashley PTA Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 am, Glenville Applebee's
8	9 O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library	10 HS Planning Council, 2:30 pm	11 Stevens PTA Family Dinner, 5 pm	12 Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	13 Pashley Popcorn & Spirit Day Pashley PTA Karaoke Night, 6 pm, Cafeteria Elementary School Report Cards Distributed	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	17 NO SCHOOL Lunar New Year	18 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess Ash Wednesday	19 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess	20 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess	21
22	23 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night, 6:30 pm, HS Auditorium	24 SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C Kindergarten Registration, 8 am-4 pm, District Office	25 Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	26 Charlton Heights Grade 4 SPAC Dance Residency Performance, 6:30 pm	27 Pashley PARP/RMHC Reading Challenge Kickoff Stevens Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Popcorn Day HS X-Stock, 7 pm, Black Box Theater	28
						

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1 <u>B</u>	2 <u>C</u> Charlton Heights & Stevens PARP/RMHC Reading Challenge begins Pashley Spiritwear Sale Kickoff	3 <u>D</u> Special Education Parent Night for Incoming 6th graders, 6 pm, O'Rourke Library Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Stevens After-school Enrichment Club HS 25-Week Interim Report Period Ends & Reports Posted in Portal	4 <u>E</u> Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Districtwide STEM Fair, 6-7:30 pm, HS Gym	5 <u>F</u> Stevens After-school Enrichment Club	6 <u>G</u> Pashley Red, White & Blue Day K-5 2nd Trimester Ends Charlton Heights Dodgeball Tournament, HS Gym O'Rourke Drama Club Production, 7 pm, MS Cafetorium	7 <u>H</u> O'Rourke Drama Club Production, 2 & 7 pm, MS Cafetorium
8 <u>A</u> Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 <u>B</u> High School Spring Sports Begin K-5 3rd Trimester Begins	10 <u>C</u> Stevens After-school Enrichment Club HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm Stevens PTA Penny Wars Begin	11 <u>D</u> Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	12 <u>E</u> Stevens After-school Enrichment Club Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria HS Spring Musical, 7 pm, Auditorium Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	13 <u>F</u> K-12 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day NYSSMA Piano Festival 4-9 pm, SUNY Schenectady HS Spring Musical, 7 pm, Auditorium	14 <u>G</u> SATs, 7:45 am NYSSMA Piano Festival 9 am-5 pm, SUNY Schenectady HS Spring Musical, 1 pm, Auditorium
15 <u>H</u>	16 <u>A</u> O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library	17 <u>B</u> Stevens After-school Enrichment Club SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C St. Patrick's Day	18 <u>C</u> College Information Night, 6:30 pm, HS Auditorium School Bus Drill	19 <u>D</u> Stevens After-school Enrichment Club Founder's Day Celebration, 6:30 pm, HS Auditorium School Bus Drill	20 <u>E</u> Pashley Spirit Day Pashley Popcorn Day Pashley PTA PARP Movie Night, 6 pm Cafeteria Grade 7 Rec Night, 6:30-8:30 pm	21 <u>F</u>
22 <u>G</u>	23 <u>H</u> O'Rourke One Act Play Auditions, 2:30-4:30 pm Modified Spring Sports Begin Music in Our Schools Month Concert #1, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium	24 <u>A</u> Stevens After-school Enrichment Club Music in Our Schools Month Concert #2, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium	25 <u>B</u> K-12 HALF DAY Spartan Catering Community Dinner (eat-in), 5 pm, HS Cafeteria Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	26 <u>C</u> O'Rourke One Act Play Read Through, 2:30-4:30 pm Stevens After-school Enrichment Club Music in Our Schools Month Concert #3, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium	27 <u>D</u> Stevens Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Popcorn Day	28 <u>E</u>
29 <u>F</u> Palm Sunday	30 <u>G</u>	31 <u>H</u> Ballston Community Public Library Art Show (Thru 4/28) Charlton Heights & Stevens PARP/RMHC Reading Challenge Ends Pashley PARP/RMHC Reading Challenge Wrap-up Celebration	  			

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			E 1 Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Passover (Begins at Sundown)	F 2	3 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess HS 30-Week Report Card Period Ends Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess BH-BL German PEACE Exchange Students Depart for Germany	7 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess	8 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess	9 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess	10 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess	11
12	A 13 HS PTSA Meeting, 7 pm	B 14 O'Rourke Quarter 3 Ends HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm Grades 6-8 NYS ELA Exams	C 15 Jazz Night, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium O'Rourke Quarter 4 Begins	D 16 Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm, Cafeteria Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Grade 3 NYS ELA Exam	E 17 Pashley Spirit Day HS Report Cards Distributed Suburban Council Music Festival, 1-5 pm, Ballston Spa HS Districtwide BH-BL Follies, 7 pm, HS Auditorium	18 Ballston Community Public Library Art Show Reception, 11 am-1 pm Suburban Council Music Festival, 9 am-2 pm, Ballston Spa HS Districtwide BH-BL Follies, 7 pm, HS Auditorium
19 BH-BL German PEACE Exchange Students Return from Germany	F 20 O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library O'Rourke's Go Green Week Passover (Ends at Sundown)	A 21 Grades 4-5 NYS ELA Exams	B 22 Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room Earth Day	C 23 BH-BL Community Prom, 5:30-8:30 pm, HS Cafeteria SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C	D 24 O'Rourke Report Cards Issued Elementray Schools Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Earth Day Clean Up NYSSMA Solo Festival, 4-9 pm, Mohonasen HS Pashley PTA Movie Night, 6 pm, Cafeteria	25 NYSSMA Solo Festival, 9 am-5 pm, Mohonasen HS
26	E 27	F 28 Charlton Heights Children's Garden	A 29 Charlton Heights Children's Garden Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room	B 30 HS Student-led Drama Production, 7 pm, Auditorium Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm Grade 3 NYS Math Exam		

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					<div>C1</div> <div>Pashley Red, White & Blue Day HS Student-led Drama Production, 7 pm, Auditorium O'Rourke Drama Club One Act Play, 7 pm, MS Cafetorium</div> <div>Grade 3 NYS Math Exam</div>	<div>2</div> <div>HS Student-led Drama Production, 1 pm, Auditorium O'Rourke Drama Club One Act Play, 1 pm, MS Cafetorium</div>
<div>3</div> <div>D</div> <div>Friends of Music Meeting, 7 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C AP Exams (Thru 5/15)</div> <div>Grades 4-5 NYS Math Exam</div> <div>Staff Appreciation Week</div>	<div>4</div> <div>E</div> <div>Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library</div> <div>Grades 4-5 NYS Math Exam</div>	<div>5</div> <div>F</div> <div>Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room Grade 5 Parent Night, 6 pm, O'Rourke</div> <div>Grades 6-8 NYS Math Exam</div>	<div>6</div> <div>A</div> <div>Pashley PTA Meeting, 6 pm Science Research Symposium, 6 pm, HS Auditorium</div> <div>Grades 6-8 NYS Math Exam</div>	<div>7</div> <div>B</div> <div><div>K-12 HALF DAY</div><div>Pashley Spirit Day Staff Appreciation PTA Luncheons Spartan Catering Curbside Pick Up Dinner, 4-6 pm, HS Back Parking Lot Jr-Sr Prom, 6 pm, Hall of Springs Food Truck Rally, 11 pm, HS Student Parking Lot</div></div>	<div>8</div> <div>9</div>	
<div>10</div> <div>C</div> <div>O'Rourke Arts Fest, 5-7 pm</div> <div>Mother's Day</div> <div>Grade 8 NYS Science Exam</div> <div>Stevens Book Fair</div>	<div>11</div> <div>D</div> <div>HS Planning Council Meeting, 2:30 pm SEPTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library DL Room 150C</div> <div>Grade 5 NYS Science Exam</div>	<div>12</div> <div>E</div> <div>Pashley Spring Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium O'Rourke Student Leadership Gettysburg Field Trip</div>	<div>13</div> <div>F</div> <div>Elementary Schools Walkabout, 6 pm Stevens PTA Ice Cream Social, 5:30-8 pm O'Rourke Student Leadership Gettysburg Field Trip Grade 7 Boston Field Trip</div>	<div>14</div> <div>A</div> <div>Pashley Popcorn Day HS Potential Course Failure Notification O'Rourke Student Leadership Gettysburg Field Trip NYSSMA Jazz Solo Festival, 4-9 pm, Queensbury HS Pashley PTA Karaoke Night, 6 pm, Cafeteria</div>	<div>15</div> <div>16</div> <div>NYSSMA Jazz Solo Festival, 9 am-5 pm, Queensbury HS</div>	
<div>17</div> <div>B</div> <div>O'Rourke PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library</div>	<div>18</div> <div>C</div> <div><div>School Budget Vote</div><div>Polls Open 7 am-9 pm, HS Gym</div><div>HS Student Government Elections, Room 150C Charlton Heights Spring Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium</div></div>	<div>19</div> <div>D</div> <div>Pashley Field Day (Rain Date: 5/21) High School Spring Concert, 7:30 pm, Auditorium</div>	<div>20</div> <div>E</div> <div>HS Memorial Day Ceremony, 9:15 am, Freedom Circle HS Alumni College Preview Seminar, 1 pm, Auditorium Stevens Spring Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium</div>	<div>21</div> <div>22</div> <div>CONTINGENCY DAY: No School (if 0-1 snow days used)</div>	<div>23</div>	
<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div><div>NO SCHOOL</div><div>Memorial Day</div></div>	<div>26</div> <div>F</div> <div>Charlton Heights Grade 5 Visit to O'Rourke HS Arts Fest, Open to Public 4-9 pm, Auditorium Lobby & STEAM HS Fine Arts Honors Showcase & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, Auditorium Grade 3 Instrumental Recruitment Night, 7:30 pm, Virtual Event</div>	<div>27</div> <div>A</div> <div>Stevens Grade 5 Visit to O'Rourke Charlton Heights Field Day (Rain Date: 5/28) Transportation Staff Appreciation Breakfast</div>	<div>28</div> <div>B</div> <div>Pashley Grade 5 Visit to O'Rourke Stevens Field Day (Rain Date: 5/29) O'Rourke Spring Concert #1, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium</div>	<div>29</div> <div>C</div> <div>HS Senior Breakfast at Elementary Schools Stevens Popcorn Day Charlton Heights Popcorn Day Stevens PTA Spring Fling O'Rourke Spring Dance, 7-9 pm</div>	<div>30</div>
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	D 1 Elementary Districtwide Field Day, 3:10 pm, HS Centennial Field (Rain date: 6/8) HS PTSA Meeting, 7 pm	E 2 O'Rourke Spring Concert #2, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium	F 3 Elementary Schools Building Council Meetings, 3:20 pm Board of Education Recognition Night, 6 pm, HS Auditorium Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm, HS Board Room	A 4 O'Rourke Spring Concert #3, 7 pm, HS Auditorium Stevens PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library Charlton Heights PTA Meeting, 7 pm	B 5 Pashley Red, White & Blue Day O'Rourke Spartan Games Stevens Fun Run	6 SATs, 7:45 am
7	C 8	9 HS Planning Council, 2:30 pm REGENTS EXAMS (HS No Classes)	10 HS Honors Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium	D 11 Pashley PTA Meeting & Sugar Rush Raffle, 6 pm, Cafeteria Stevens Kindergarten Celebration, 10 am Community Flag Day Parade	E 12 K-5 NO SCHOOL Records Day Senior Class Banquet, 6 pm, Lake George	13
14 FLAG DAY	F 15 HS LOCAL EXAMS	A 16 HS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Auditorium	17 O'Rourke Quarter 4 Ends Board of Education Meeting, 6 pm, HS Board Room REGENTS EXAMS (HS No Classes)	18 GRADES 6-8 HALF DAY O'Rourke Dismissal 10:30 am K-5 3rd Trimester Ends Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony & Carnival Pashley PTA Summer Kickoff Carnival, 5-8 pm	19 NO SCHOOL Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22 K-8 HALF DAY O'Rourke Dismissal 10:30 am Elementary Dismissal 11:30 am Graduation Rehearsal, 10:30 am, HS Auditorium REGENTS EXAMS (HS No Classes)	23 K-8 HALF DAY O'Rourke Dismissal 10:30 am Elementary Dismissal 11:30 am Pashley PTA Dine-to-Donate Fundraiser, 11:30 am-9 pm, Mohawk Taproom	24 K-8 HALF DAY OMS/ES Dismissals 10:30/11:30 am Charlton Heights Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30 am Pashley Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30 am Stevens Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony & Party, 10 am	25 K-8 HALF DAY OMS/ES Dismissals 10:30/11:30 am Stevens & Charlton Heights Grade 5 Kickball Games Charlton Heights Popsicle Day Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony, noon, SPAC	26 K-5 HALF DAY Last Day of Elementary School, 11:30 am Dismissal Regents Rating Day Elementary Report Cards Distributed	27
28	29 In-District Summer School Registration	30 HS Final Report Cards Mailed Home				

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			<u>C</u> 1 Summer Rec Program Begins	<u>D</u> 2	<u>E</u> 3	4 Independence Day
5	<u>A</u> 6 HS Summer School Begins Driver's Education Program Begins	<u>B</u> 7	<u>C</u> 8	<u>D</u> 9	<u>E</u> 10	11
12	<u>F</u> 13	<u>A</u> 14	<u>B</u> 15	<u>C</u> 16	<u>D</u> 17	18
19	<u>E</u> 20	<u>F</u> 21	<u>A</u> 22	<u>B</u> 23	<u>C</u> 24 Summer Rec Program Ends	25
26	<u>D</u> 27	<u>E</u> 28	<u>F</u> 29	<u>A</u> 30	<u>B</u> 31	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		F 1	A 2	B 3	C 4	5
6 D	7 E NO SCHOOL Labor Day	8 F	9 A	10 B	11 C	12
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27 A	28 B	29 C	30			

Where to Get Your Questions Answered

Central Administration

PO Box 1389, Ballston Lake, NY 12019

518-399-9141 fax: 518-399-1882

Superintendent

Patrick McGrath ext. 85002

Superintendent's Assistant & Board Secretary

Dottie Salvatore ext. 85002

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

David Collins ext. 85015

Assistant Superintendent for Support Services

Christopher Abdoo ext. 85025

Board Clerk

Tara Mitchell ext. 85041

Board of Education

Presidentboardpresident@bhbl.org

Communications/Website/Media Relations

Tara Mitchell ext. 85041

Student Registrar & Kindergarten Registration

Mary Ann De Luca ext. 85015

Business & Human Resources Offices

Business Administrator

Brenda Kane ext. 85025

Human Resources

Dacey Bonney ext. 85011

Labor Relations & DASA Coordinator

Michael Nickson ext. 85012

Tax Collector

Stephanie Long ext. 85027

Academic Depts. & District Services

Buildings & Grounds Director

Dan Diggins ext. 84515

Career & Technical Education

Stephanie Andrejczak ext. 83308

Chief Information Officer

Tracy Falvo ext. 85050

Continuing Education Program

Amy Cullen ext. 85013

Director of Technology & Libraries/

Data Protection Officer

Doug Carlton ext. 85117

English Language Arts & Staff Development

TBD ext. XXXXX

Facilities Use Coordinator

Amy Cullen acullen@bhbl.org

Fine Arts Director

Sarah White ext. 83183

Food Services

Jacqueline Hoff ext. 85003

Mathematics & Computer Science

Bill McQuay ext. 84151

PACE Coordinator (Elementary level)

David Collins ext. 85015

Physical Education, Health & Athletics

Joseph Scalise ext. 83307

Science Department

TBD ext. 83226

Social Studies Department

John Antoski ext. 83032

Special Education Services

Darcy Passarelli, Director ext. 85008

Diana Empie, Assistant Director & K-12

Committee on Special Education Chairperson

. ext. 84150

Erin Serritella, Committee on Preschool Special

Education Chairperson ext. 85010

Transportation

Katria Hitrick ext. 83524

World Languages & ENL

Brenna Muldoon ext. 84016

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School

88 Lakehill Road, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

518-399-9141 fax: 518-399-4341

Main Office ext. 83300

Attendance Secretary ext. 83310

Principal Tim Brunson ext. 83303

Assistant Principals

Tom DiAcetis ext. 83300

Neil Estrada ext. 83300

School Counselors:

Guidance Main Office ext. 83320

Kerry Austin ext. 83325

Erin Hogan ext. 83326

Jen Raucci ext. 83327

Russ Weinlein ext. 83324

Librarian Santana Florio ext. 83150

Social Workers

Tara LaMalfa ext. 83312

Sara Perkins ext. 83316

Tiffany Tessitore ext. 83313

Psychologist Rebecca Blais ext. 83311

Nurse Amanda Aftab ext. 83102

Richard H. O'Rourke Middle School

173 Lakehill Road, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

518-399-9141 fax: 518-384-2588

Main Office ext. 84000

Attendance Office ext. 84002

Principal Colleen Wolff ext. 84001

Assistant Principal Rob Duell ext. 84001

Librarian Lori Bennett ext. 84306

School Counselors

Guidance Main Office ext. 84040

Kevin DeBonis ext. 84032

Nancy Hyde ext. 84038

Anthony Umina ext. 84036

Social Workers

Heidi Peterson ext. 84031

Devan White ext. 84037

Psychologist Jackie Somerville ext. 84039

Nurse Laura Jewell ext. 84035

Charlton Heights Elementary

170 Stage Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019

518-399-9141 fax: 518-399-0227

Main Office ext. 85500

Attendance Office ext. 85510

Principal Abbey North ext. 85500

Admin. Assistant Beth Stephens ext. 85514

Librarian Erin Jankowski ext. 85636

Social Worker Ashley Crosby ext. 85513

School Counselor Jenna Haskel ext. 85134

Psychologist Mindi Modiano ext. 85135

Nurse Courtney Powers ext. 85505

Pashley Elementary

30 Pashley Road, Glenville, NY 12302

518-399-9141 fax: 518-399-0534

Main Office ext. 84500

Attendance Office ext. 84502

Principal Lyndsay Stein ext. 84500

Admin. Assistant Joelle West ext. 84504

Librarian Kristina Neddo ext. 84510

Social Worker Michele Frasca ext. 84506

School Counselor Stephanie Macherone ext. 84717

Psychologist Carolyn Delaney ext. 84701

Nurse Jodi Reynolds ext. 84507

Francis L. Stevens Elementary

25 Lakehill Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019

518-399-9141 fax: 518-399-0343

Main Office ext. 83500

Attendance Office ext. 83510

Principal Bill Vacca ext. 83500

Admin. Assistant Rachel Franciosa ext. 83502

Librarian Heidi Brower ext. 83515

Social Worker Stephanie Capone ext. 83508

School Counselor Heather Strom ext. 83616

Psychologist Mackenzie Bobrow ext. 83517

Nurse Tracey Hay ext. 83504

All BH-BL schools & offices are part of a unified phone system. Please dial **518-399-9141** and a 5-digit extension as shown above to speak to or leave voicemail for staff members.

You can find teacher email addresses by going to: **www.bhbl.org**
We're on Facebook and Instagram, too!

BH-BL Board of Education

Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education consists of seven residents elected to serve three-year terms of office without pay. All board members run “at large” in the district.

There has also been a student representative appointed by peers to serve a one-year term. Student members attend meetings and participate in discussions but they do not vote.

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas are posted on the district’s website at least one day before each meeting. Minutes of previous meetings are also on the website.

The Board’s Powers & Duties

The board has legal responsibility for the operation of the entire district. The board establishes the policies under which the school district is operated, and the superintendent is responsible for administering school programs within the context of these policies.

The board’s powers and duties are derived from the state constitution, state laws, and rulings of the State Commissioner of Education. The board’s main areas of responsibility are: to establish all school district policies, to develop an annual budget for public approval, to review annual student progress, to approve or disapprove the superintendent’s recommendations regarding personnel matters and the contracts the district must enter into, and to act as a two-way communications conduit between residents and the superintendent.

Board members encourage parents and residents who have a concern about

school matters to first try to resolve the problem at the level most directly involved, which is usually the classroom teacher or the principal. If a satisfactory solution cannot be reached at this level, contact Superintendent Dr. Patrick McGrath.

If the matter can be resolved only by a change in district policy or some other action of the Board of Education, residents are welcome to communicate their concerns to the board by email, phone call, or a statement under “Privilege of the Floor” at one of the board’s meetings.

Budget Preparation

Preparing a budget for the coming school year is a process that board members work on for more than four months each year. The various schools and departments submit their budget requests in December. These requests are compiled by the business office and distributed to board members in January. The board holds a series of public Finance Committee meetings from January through March to evaluate budget requests. The school board also solicits public input on the budget and devotes time to budget development at its February and March meetings. During this period, residents can follow the budget development process on the district website.

Throughout this process, board members and administrators are also monitoring budget activity at the state level. They are in frequent contact with state legislators to inform them how various state funding proposals will affect our schools and community.

In April, the Board of Education votes on a proposed budget. A newsletter describing

Board Member	Email Address	Position
Kevin Bearce	kbearce@bhbl.org	Member
James Ireland	jireland@bhbl.org	Member
Donald Marshall	dmarshall@bhbl.org or boardpresident@bhbl.org	President
Michael Libertucci	mlibertucci@bhbl.org	Member
Lisa Morse	lmorse@bhbl.org	Vice President
Lakshmi Nagarajan	lnagarajan@bhbl.org	Member
James Robertson	jrobertson@bhbl.org	Member

this proposed budget is mailed to all district homes in early May. Copies of the proposed budget broken down by line items are also available at this time at each school and at www.bhbl.org.

District Election & Voting

The public vote on school board candidates and the proposed budget is held by law on the third Tuesday in May. The polls are open from 7 am to 9 pm in the high school gym.

You must be registered to vote. To vote in school elections, a person must be at least 18 years old, a BH-BL district resident for at least 30 days immediately prior to the election, a United States citizen, and registered to vote with their County Board of Elections.

Anyone who is registered to vote in a general election at their current BH-BL address is automatically registered for a school election. Residents wishing to register may do so through their county Board of Elections. Absentee and early mail in ballots are available for registered voters. Both application forms are available at www.bhbl.org or the business office.

Voters of the district may be candidates for the Board of Education by filing a petition signed by district voters with the Clerk of the Board Tara Mitchell in April. Visit www.bhbl.org for specific information and dates. Petitions can be picked up at the District Office, 88 Lakehill Road. Questions? Contact Board Clerk Tara Mitchell at tmitchell@bhbl.org.



Daily Schedule

Normal Class Schedule

The five BH-BL schools follow the daily schedule shown in the chart on the right. School buses pick up and later drop off secondary students approximately one hour before elementary students.

BH-BL High School follows an alternate day block schedule of four blocks per day. Classes meet every other day except for science and physical education. These two classes share a block meeting every third day. The small letters “A” through “F” on each school day of this calendar indicate which day is which. (Note: the days will not change from what is printed here even if the school is closed unexpectedly due to snow, severe weather, power outage, etc.)

Half Days

The school calendar includes several half days for specific grades. These are days when faculty either hold individual conferences with elementary parents on their child’s progress or attend in-service meetings and workshops to improve the district’s curriculum and instructional practices.

All students will be dismissed and transported home before lunch on half days. This is at approximately 11 a.m. for secondary students and noon for elementary students. An exception is during the last week in June when middle school students are released at 10:30 am and elementary school students are released at 11:30 am. This is done to accommodate the middle school’s testing schedules.

Grade Level	School Begins	School Ends	Buses** Depart
High School, Grades 9 - 12	7:45 am	2:16 pm	2:22 pm
Middle School, Grades 6 - 8	7:45 am	2:25 pm	2:30 pm
Elementary Schools, Grades K - 5 *	8:45 am	3:00 pm	3:00-3:15 pm
Activity/Assistance Period			3:30-4 pm
* For information on before- or after-school child care, see page 25.			
** Bus guidelines and policies are described on page 26.			

Secondary Activity Period

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, middle and high school students are encouraged to stay at school for an extra hour after their regular classes end. This extra hour is called Activity Period at the middle school and Academic Assistance Period at the high school. Students can use it to make up missed work, do research in

the school library, or get extra help from teachers. During this time, both schools also offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports so that students can develop their interests, acquire life-long skills, and use their after-school time in a healthy manner. A condensed bus run is provided after Activity/Assistance Period to transport students home.

Emergency Preparedness & Snow Days

School Closing Announcements

When circumstances require classes be cancelled or delayed for an emergency or weather-related reason, the announcement is:

- 1. posted on local TV stations,
- 2. posted on the district website, and
- 3. emailed and/or texted via Parent Square service. (See details on page 18.) Often the announcement at www.bhbl.org gives more information than the TV stations since there is no space limitation on the website.

School closing or delay announcements will generally first be given between 6 and 6:45 am. Unless otherwise noted, all scheduled use of the schools is cancelled on

a day that schools are closed for emergency or weather-related reasons.

All parents, especially working parents, should instruct their children where to go if schools are dismissed unexpectedly during the day. However, BH-BL parents may find that our schools are less likely to close unexpectedly during the day than in other local districts. We believe that safety lies in following established routines. Our parents have asked that we try not to send children home unexpectedly during the day. Both staff and parents are concerned that children may be sent to empty homes or may be confused as to where they should go.

If a severe winter storm catches the local weather forecasters we depend on by

surprise, the superintendent may be forced to send children home early, but we try to avoid doing this. We often find that by the afternoon, when classes would normally be letting out, snow plows have cleared the roads and travel conditions have improved.

Emergency Drills & Planning

Parents, please note: in an emergency or unexpected situation, your best and most accurate source of information is the district website (www.bhbl.org) or direct email from Parent Square because we can post and share information there quickly and update it as often as necessary. If a situation should arise in which students need to be evacuated to another building, parents will be notified.

Emergency preparedness takes many forms at BH-BL, including following the recommendations of the State Education Department related to Homeland Security Alerts. Parents are advised that student field trips may occasionally need to be cancelled due to Homeland Security precautions or other situations.

The district uses the same Incident Command System (ICS) of crisis management used by police and fire officials to enable staff to communicate and cooperate more efficiently with one another and with emergency personnel in a crisis.



Emergency Preparedness – continued

The ICS system is simple and flexible, and can be applied to many types of emergency from a loss of utilities, fire, tornado, or chemical spill to a kidnapping or intruder in the school.

Schools are required to hold eight fire and four emergency drills each year. Students have an emergency release drill in October. They also practice exiting their bus through the vehicle's rear emergency door and practice lockdown and lock down situations. In

a lockdown, all exterior doors are temporarily secured so that no one may enter or leave the building while classes and activities go about as usual. In a lock down, hallways are emptied too. Everyone (both staff and students) goes into the nearest classroom, locks the door, and listens for further instructions on the public address system. This is designed to move everyone out of harm's way while a suspected threat—for instance, from an intruder—is evaluated.

Copies of the Districtwide School Safety Plan are on file in each school. Anyone wishing to view a plan should contact their school principal or Assistant Superintendent Dr. Christopher Abdoo.

Parent Square

Parents are automatically enrolled in Parent Square, a mass notification service that allows the district to send emails, texts, and recorded phone messages to parents/residents about school and district

happenings, such as when school is closed unexpectedly, snow days or when a specific school has an important announcement or reminder.

Go to www.bhbl.org and look for the Parent Square icon in the footer of the main page to learn how to customize your preferences. Please know, this is the system we will use to notify parents of emergencies, school delays or closures, etc.

Health, Safety & Disciplinary Information

Bullying & Harassment

No form of bullying or harassment will be tolerated in BH-BL schools. Below is what we mean by bullying at BH-BL.

BH-BL has invested much time and energy into improving anti-bullying procedures and staff training, updating each school's Code of Conduct, and ensuring that our schools meet the requirements of the NY Dignity for All Students Act.

BH-BL is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality for all students, staff and parents. Our policies condemn and prohibit all forms of discrimination, such as harassment, hazing and bullying on school grounds, on school buses, at school bus pick-up sites, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs and events.

The district needs staff, parents, and other students to speak up when they see bullying taking place. As our children grow, mature, and learn to understand the impact of their words and actions on others, they need to receive a consistent message that certain words and certain behaviors are not acceptable.

Our schools cannot effectively address bullying if incidents are not reported. Anyone (including students) who feels that he or she has been bullied or harassed,

who wants to report an incident of someone else being bullied or harassed, or who has questions on this topic should contact the relevant school Anti-Bullying Coordinator as shown on the right, at 518-399-9141.

For more information, see:

- District Policy 5030 Dignity for All/Anti-Bullying in the District Policy Manual, which is available on the website under Board of Education.
- The Code of Conduct inside each school's Student Handbook (which are also posted on the district website).

Student Codes of Conduct

Learning can take place only in an orderly, mutually respectful, caring environment and in an effectively managed classroom. Discipline is a process whereby students take increasing responsibility for their own actions. It is a cooperative process in which all staff members, students, and parents share responsibility.

Each school has a Code of Conduct in its student handbook that describes desired and prohibited behavior and the range of

BH-BL Anti-Bullying Coordinators

High School
Principal Tim Brunson ext. 83303

Middle School
Principal Colleen Wolff ext. 84001

Charlton Heights Elementary School
Principal Abbey North ext. 85500

Pashley Elementary School
Principal Lyndsey Stein ext. 84500

Stevens Elementary School
Principal Bill Vacca ext. 83500

consequences that may result from violations of the code. The Codes of Conduct are re-evaluated and updated annually. Each fall copies of the student handbook are given to all secondary students inside their agenda planner and given to all elementary parents. Copies are also available at the main office of each school and on the district website under each school link.

Students who use or possess alcohol or any illegal substance on school grounds or at school-related events will be suspended and risk further sanctions up to and including expulsion from school.

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DEFINITION:

Bullying is a conscious, willful, deliberate activity intended to harm in which the bully uses power through actions or intimidation to cause pain and/or misery. It can be verbal, physical, electronic and/or relational. It can include as its focus, but is not limited to, a person's actual or perceived:

- Physical attributes
- Mental ability/disability
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Weight
- Religious practice
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Socio-economic status
- Other differences

It includes all forms of hazing and cyberbullying that may have an effect on our school environment. It can be and often is continuous and repeated over time, but does not have to be. Once is enough to constitute bullying.

Smoking Policy

State law prohibits any smoking/vaping on school property by anyone, including adults. This means that persons wishing to smoke/vape at school or at athletic events must leave school property to do so.

Access to Schools during the Day

For safety and security purposes, adults who come to school during the day—for example, to pick up a student or to volunteer in a classroom—must enter via the main front door and must show a form of photo ID before being allowed into the school. Secure vestibules are located at the front entrances of our schools, and a buzzer system and cameras were installed at the schools. These are similar to the security systems already in use by many area school districts.

Health & Medications

All medications to be administered to a student must be authorized by a physician. Students may not bring medications to school. Medications that may need to be administered during school hours—including emergency medications—must be brought to school by the parent (not the child), include an order from the doctor, and remain in the nurse's office.

State law requires that students have a physical exam when they enter the district; when they enter kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11; and before participating in sports. The physical exam can be performed by the family physician or by the school physician. The school nurse performs routine screenings for vision, hearing, and Scoliosis. Call the school nurse for more information or to request that your child

not be screened.

Parents should be aware that some students have severe allergic reactions to even being in the same room with certain substances. With such airborne allergies, teachers may request certain foods not be brought to school. Parents will be notified if this is a concern in their child's class.

Parents of children with severe allergies who wish to work with the district on developing a care plan for their child should inform their school principal and/or school nurse by August 1 of each year.

Parents can contact their school nurse or view the Health & Safety section of the district website for information about many health topics, including colds & flu, head lice, MRSA, and vaccinations.

Tutoring or Transportation for Students with Disabilities or Illness

Special tutoring or transportation may be arranged for a student with an extended illness or an injury that prevents attendance at regular school or use of regular bus transportation. Special tutoring must be requested by the parent and recommended by a physician. Special transportation must be recommended by the attending physician and should be requested from the superintendent.

School Insurance Policies

The district's student accident insurance policy contains the provision that the family's insurance will be used first in the event of an injury to a student in school. The amount that is not covered under the family policy may, in certain circumstances,



be submitted to the school district's insurer. Contact Human Resources at 518-399-9141, ext. 85012 for more information.

Internet Access Policies

Students are instructed in the appropriate use of computers and online systems. The rules for proper use of online systems are posted, and our schools also use filtering software to protect students, as required by law.

Parents and students should remember that the intentional misuse of any school equipment, including computers, will result in disciplinary action, including loss of computer privileges. The Board of Education's policy on acceptable use of the internet sets forth specific prohibitions and punishments for inappropriate use. See each school's Student Handbook for details.

Pesticides & Other Potentially Hazardous Substances

On occasion pesticides and fertilizers may be applied at our schools. The district

abides by state laws regarding Pesticide Notification. Each school maintains a list of staff and parents who wish to receive prior notification of pesticide application. Notification will be given 48 hours prior to each pesticide application at a building only to those who have requested it that school year. Quarterly summaries of pesticide applications during the previous time period are also available.

Contact your building principal or Director of Facilities Dan Diggins at ddiggins@bhbl.org if you wish to be placed on a Pesticide Notification list for a specific building. Such requests must be renewed annually.

Parents and staff can view the Safety Data Sheets on all potentially hazardous substances kept in each building. Also available for public perusal are the district's asbestos management plan, annual fire inspection reports, and the results of testing for lead in the water.



Traffic & Litter on School Property

Safety on school roads and parking lots is a major concern as the use of our schools for community events continues to expand. All schools have clearly marked lanes, entrances and exits. Some school roads also have speed bumps. Drivers are asked to obey all signs, posted or painted traffic flow indicators, and parking indicators.

For our children's safety, please:

- Slow down.
- Do not park in fire lanes.
- Do not pass school buses when their red lights are flashing. It is against state law to pass a bus when its red lights are flashing even in the school driveway, and violators will be prosecuted.

Parents dropping off or picking up children are asked to be patient and to allow enough time to do this safely. Parents may need to wait in a line of cars for a few minutes to ensure the safety of all children.

Another concern is litter, especially on our athletic fields. Trash receptacles are available adjacent to the schools. Receptacles in more outlying areas have proven to be a vandalism problem and are

therefore not provided. All parents and residents are asked to follow a carry-in, carry-out policy on school property. Litter is unsightly; it attracts insects and may damage mowing equipment. But most importantly, litter can injure our athletes.

Additionally, no unauthorized dogs/other animals/pets are allowed on school property, including athletic fields, playgrounds, etc.

Pupil Services Information

Pupil Admissions & Registration

All Grades: Registration of new residents is a two-step process. Parents must first meet with Registrar Mary Ann De Luca to establish they are residents of the BH-BL district. The Registrar's Office is open week days from 8 am to 4 pm Or call 518-399-9141, ext. 85015. After documenting residency, parents can expect to receive communication from the school building(s) once records have been received from the student's previous school.

Keeping class sizes as small as reasonably possible has long been a priority at BH-BL. It is the superintendent's responsibility to assign students to specific schools so that class sizes will be as balanced as possible across the district. When elementary class sizes are larger than desired, the superintendent may use "swing areas" to reduce this problem. Swing areas are neighborhoods served by school buses for more than one elementary school. Families with elementary children who move into a swing area will be assigned to the school with the smaller class sizes.

As new housing developments are built and our community continues to grow, balancing class sizes across the district becomes a growing challenge as well. Neighborhoods that previously attended one elementary school may shift to being served by a second school (i.e., may become a swing area). Also streets that were already a swing area may change from one year to the next for incoming students. This flexibility is designed to provide smaller classes and the best balance in class size for all district children.

Kindergarten: BH-BL follows the recommendation of the State Education Department that a child must be five years old on or before Dec. 1 of the year he or she enters kindergarten. While no exceptions can be made to this rule, children do not have to begin school until the following year.

Kindergarten registration is typically held in February or March for the incoming class of students. Parents will be invited to orientation prior to registration. Registration is held from 8 am to 4 pm the Tuesday-Friday following the orientation session.

The superintendent will not assign any kindergarten student to a particular elementary school until after kindergarten registration is completed in April.

Parents of homeless children should contact Darcy Passarelli (Ext. 85008) to discuss services available for students who meet the federal definition of homelessness.

Parents of preschool children are asked to contact the Registrar's Office to be sure the district is aware of your child. Knowing the names, addresses and birth dates of all children (even infants) who will be attending our schools in the future is very helpful. It allows us to send parents a personal letter when it is time to register their child for kindergarten. Accurate numbers are also essential for long-range planning since funding and additional instructional space, when needed, is a process that takes several years.

Please contact Registrar Mary Ann De Luca (Ext. 85015) or mdeluca@bhbl.org to give us your preschooler's full name, date of birth, address and parents' names.



Reporting to Parents

In elementary school, parents learn about their child's progress through both individual parent-teacher conferences and report cards. Parent-teacher conferences are held for all elementary students in November and December. In grades K-5 report cards are issued in Nov./Dec., March, and June.

In secondary school, report cards are sent home four times a year, and conferences are arranged through a student's guidance counselor when desired by a parent or teacher. Parents are notified midway between report cards if their child is facing failure in a particular subject. Parents/guardians should not hesitate to call to request a conference.

Parents/guardians may obtain the composite APPR score for their child's current teacher(s) and principal once such scores are officially available in accordance with state law. For details, please visit the district website or contact your child's school after school opens.



School Lunch Program

Providing children with the nutrition necessary for the healthy growth of their minds and bodies is one of the best ways to help them perform better in the classroom.

Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, all students can receive the day's featured lunch and breakfast meal at no cost. A wide variety of à la carte food items can still be purchased at the middle and high school cafeterias, and a limited variety at the elementary schools.

We are proud that our meals include reduced fats and increased grains, fruits, and vegetables. Additionally, the district does not cook with or serve any peanut products. Soy nut butter is used in place of peanut butter. There are also gluten-free menu options available.

We encourage parents to take a look at the menus to learn more about the featured meals offered each day. Menus can be found on the district website under Food Service.

Services for At-Risk Students

Many services exist in the district for children with disabilities or children who may be at risk of not achieving their potential in school. These services include: a Pupil Assistance Team in each school to identify at-risk students and students with special needs, and to coordinate services for them; psychological, speech therapy, remedial, and social work services; guidance and counseling services; the peer assistance program; core classes at the middle school; a core teaching staff to teach and support selected ninth and tenth graders; and a work-study program in grades 9-12.

Special education services are also available for students with educational disabilities. Information about these services is available from your child's principal or guidance counselor, or Assistant Director of Special Services Diana Empie.

Also, BH-BL parents who are concerned their preschool child is not progressing as he or she should and may have a disability should call 518-399-9141, ext. 85008, to inquire about a referral to the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Preventing substance abuse is a theme that runs through many school programs. The school district provides varied programs to instruct children about the dangers of substance abuse, to help them make healthy choices and resist societal pressures to make unhealthy choices, and to give them constructive ways to use their time.

The BH-BL K-12 health curriculum follows the state's required syllabus and includes a series of specific lessons in elementary school plus various required units and courses in secondary school. In addition to learning about the dangers of drugs, children receive lessons designed to increase their self-esteem and problem-solving skills—lessons that help them resist societal pressures to abuse drugs.

The district cooperates with several agencies to bring substance abuse prevention programs into our schools. For more information call Joe Scalise, Health Education Department Chair, at 518-399-9141, ext. 83307.

Fine Arts Programs

BH-BL offers a comprehensive art and music curriculum to all students. In addition to regular classes in art and music, starting in fourth grade, students may elect to sing in their school's chorus and/or learn a musical instrument. Each elementary school has a band, orchestra, and chorus that perform at two public concerts per year. As students move to secondary school, opportunities for art, music, and theater experiences expand, through both regular coursework, clubs, and music and art competitions.

The public is encouraged and welcome to attend concerts by school groups as indicated in this calendar. All school concerts are free. See the calendar for dates of the plays put on by the high school and middle school Drama Clubs, and for Arts Fests in May, when work by our visual and performing arts students fills the high school gym and middle school cafeteria.

For questions about these programs, see the district website or contact Fine Arts Department Head Sarah White at 518-399-9141, ext. 83183. For information on Friends of Music, contact Kristin McCabe at mccabepianostudio@gmail.com.

Physical Education & Athletics

New York Schools are required to provide physical education to all K-12 students. They receive instruction and participate in activities that foster physical fitness and skills in sports, rhythms, aquatics, self-testing, and life-time recreational pursuits.

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Pupil Services Information – continued

In addition, secondary school students can participate in interscholastic sports. BH-BL is a member of Section II and the Suburban Scholastic Council. We offer the following interscholastic sports:

Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

Girls: Basketball, Basketball Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Football Cheerleading, Golf, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

Co-ed: Alpine Skiing, Bowling, and Crew (sports club).

For information about physical education, interscholastic sports, or community sports programs, see the district website or contact Director of Physical Education and Athletics Joe Scalise at 518-399-9141, ext. 83307.

Summer Remedial & Enrichment

BH-BL schools offer remedial summer school classes. Students in grades K-5 whose teachers have recommended them for extra practice in reading or math are eligible for the elementary summer school program. (Parents of elementary residents who are private or homeschooled should

contact David Collins at dcollins@bhbl.org before April 1 if they are interested in this program.)

In grades 7-12, classes are offered for students who did not pass a required course in English, math, or social studies or who are at risk of not passing a required state exam.

Summer Driver's Education is also offered. Call the high school at 518-399-9141, ext. 83300 for more information.

The BH-BL Summer Music Program offers instrumental students entering grades 5 through 12 the opportunity to retain and learn new skills on their chosen instrument or to try a different instrument in a switch class. Call Sarah White at 518-399-9141, ext. 83183 for more information.



Community Services Information

Community Use of the Schools

More than 100 local not-for-profit organizations use school facilities to hold their meetings and activities. These include scouting

troops and youth sports groups. Fees charged for the use of school facilities are designed to make this a self-supporting activity.

Any organization using school facilities must complete a Facilities Use Request via the district website, www.bhbl.org. Organizations using athletic facilities (including the gyms, fields, or pool) or engaging in fundraising activities in the schools must also purchase liability insurance naming the school district as an additional insured.



For information, contact Facilities Use Coordinator Amy Cullen at 518-399-9141, ext. 85013 or acullen@bhbl.org.

Senior Citizen Passes

Senior Citizen Passes are available to all district residents who are at least 60 years old or on disability retirement. The passes admit holders free to most school events and offer a 10% discount on certain Continuing Education courses. Passes are issued in the Superintendent's Office located at the Hostetter Leadership Center, 88 Lakehill Road, Burnt Hills.

Continuing Education for Adults

Continuing Education courses are offered on weekday evenings. A brochure with courses, dates, and fees is mailed to all district households each semester and is posted online at www.bhbl.org. Fees for

these courses are designed to make this a totally self-supporting program.

To learn more about taking or teaching a Continuing Education course, contact Amy Cullen at 518-399-9141, ext. 85013 or acullen@bhbl.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

The BH-BL Schools use volunteers in many ways, from helping pupils in classrooms, computer labs, and cafeterias to publishing elementary students' stories, and shelving library books. The names and phone numbers of PTA contact people can be found on page 27. Residents are also welcome to talk to their school principal or their child's teacher about opportunities for volunteers.

Fiscal & Legal Information

Donations

The school district receives thousands of dollars worth of donated furniture, musical instruments, and other equipment each year. If you are considering a donation, please contact the administrator most closely involved. Alumni groups or individuals interested in creating a planned gift that could benefit this community's children for years to come should contact Superintendent Dr. Patrick McGrath. All donations must be recommended by an administrator and formally accepted by the Board of Education.

School Taxes

School tax bills are generally mailed in late August. Tax bills may be paid from Sept. 1-31 without penalty. (Partial payments are not accepted.) Payments received online or postmarked Oct. 1 or later must include the penalty fee. The last day of tax collection is Oct. 31. After Oct. 31, any unpaid tax bills will be turned over to the county treasurer for collection during November and December. In January, any unpaid school taxes will be added to your town and county tax bill.

Tax bill payments may be made in-person at Ballston Spa National Bank. To pay by mail, please send a check (no cash) to: Tax Processing Unit, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake CSD, P.O. Box 13929, Albany, NY, 12212-3929. Express or overnight mail must be sent to: Tax Processing Unit, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake CSD, 845 State Rt. 50 #1389, Burnt Hills, NY 12027.

Residents can also pay their tax bills online using a debit card, credit card

(Mastercard, Visa or Discover) or by e-check. The link for paying online can be found on the district website. There is a 2.35% site fee to pay with a credit or debit card. There's a \$0.50 fee for e-check payments.

BH-BL school tax bills can be viewed at www.bhbl.org. Select School Tax Bill Information located under Quick Links on the bottom right of the website.

Audit and Control

Regarding the handling of funds, the school district follows the regulations and recommendations of the NY State General Municipal and Education Laws, the State Education Commissioner and Education Department, and the General Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In addition to external and internal audits, detailed rules are followed to ensure that funds are used and tracked in appropriate ways. Anyone who has concerns about the potentially fraudulent use of district funds should contact the State Comptroller's Fraud Hotline at 1-888-672-4555.

Discrimination Laws

The BH-BL School District receives federal assistance and does not discriminate in employment or in the educational programs and activities it operates on the basis of sex, race, national origin or handicap in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act. Upon request, sign language interpreters will be provided for deaf parents for school-



initiated conferences about their child's education.

Mike Nickson (ext. 85006) is the Title IX coordinator for the district, and Darcy Passarelli (ext. 85005) is the Section 504 coordinator. Any parent, student, or district employee who has a complaint of discrimination should contact them. The law provides a formal Grievance Procedure to be followed if any person believes the school district or any of its staff has not applied the principles or regulations of these Acts. For copies of this procedure, contact Mike Nickson or Darcy Passarelli.

Section 504 Annual Notice

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly known as Section 504, the school district hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the district's duties under the regulations of Section 504.

The district provides a free appropriate public education to each qualified child with disabilities who reside in the school district regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The district educates all children and integrates students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. And also ensures that students with disabilities participate with other children in nonacademic and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. A child with disabilities is afforded an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities as physical education courses, interscholastic, club or intramural athletics.

The district conducts preplacement evaluations, and establishes standards and procedures consistent with Section 104.35 for the evaluation and placement of children

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who need or are believed to need special education or related services. Periodic re-evaluations are conducted of children who receive special education or related services.

Placement decisions draw upon information from a variety of sources and are made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of evaluation data, and the placement options. The district has implemented a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for the parent to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

The district complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Parents and 18-year-old students may inspect official records relating to them including progress reports, grades, aptitude and achievement test scores, psychological tests, and teacher evaluations. A record may be challenged by parents or 18 year olds when they believe it to be inaccurate or misleading. The principal may remove designated material if in agreement with the challenge. Definitions of school official and additional procedures under FERPA can be found in

the Board of Education Policy Manual.

Individual student records are confidential and are not released to colleges, employers, or elsewhere without written permission, subject to the following exceptions. District schools may forward educational records to other schools that have requested them and in which a BH-BL student seeks or intends to enroll. What the law refers to as directory information may be made public for school purposes unless a parent informs us in writing that they do not want this information made public. Directory information that we may make public includes: a student's name, address, phone number, grade level, honor or award received, dates of attendance, photograph, age, membership in a school athletic team, activity or club, and (for athletes only) height and weight. Directory information is primarily made public so that students' accomplishments can be included in various publications such as a concert program, yearbook, or honor roll.

As required by federal law, the high school provides a list of senior class member names, addresses and phone numbers to the military services—unless parents inform the high school principal in writing by September 26 that they do not want their child included in such lists. Parents and 18-year-old students have the right to opt out of the disclosure of directory information by contacting their school principal.

Parents should also inform the superintendent or Tara Mitchell via email or letter if they do not wish their child's likeness to be included on the district website, in district publications, on the

district's social media channels, or in photos or videos taken by district staff for school-related purposes.

Also, in accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights amendment, the district hereby notifies parents that our schools may occasionally conduct student surveys that touch on topics such as political affiliation, income, or beliefs or religious practices of the student. In such cases, a letter will be sent home explaining parent rights to opt a child out from such a survey before it is conducted.

Because New York State is interested in data about children's health, schools are required to keep height and weight data and to calculate students' Body Mass Index (BMI). BMI is a way of checking for underweight or overweight youngsters. Some schools will be surveyed by the state Department of Health each year and asked to share the number of their students in each of six possible BMI categories based on students' age and sex. If BH-BL is surveyed by the state, it will only share group data (for instance, the number of second grade boys whose BMI is below the fifth percentile), not individual data. However, parents who wish their child's data to be excluded from such group calculations may do so by contacting their school nurse, whose name and phone number are on page 15.

Questions about school policies in connection with family rights and privacy laws can be addressed to building principals or the superintendent.



Non-School Youth Programs & Services

A number of independent community organizations work in close cooperation with the school district to provide or improve services for children and parents.

Parent Teacher Associations

The PTAs in our schools provide so many services that it is not possible to list them all. The PTAs coordinate volunteers, provide enrichment opportunities, raise money for many projects, keep parents informed through newsletters, sponsor parent education activities, help orient kindergartners, provide refreshments for meetings, and assist staff members in a multitude of ways. See page 27 for a list of PTA officers and activity contact people. The district website also includes links to more information about all five school PTAs.

Other School Support Organizations

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake is fortunate that a number of private, independent organizations exist to support and improve either our school district as a whole, specific district programs, or specific interscholastic teams.

In addition to the BH-BL Education Foundation and the BH-BL Friends of Music, the district benefits tremendously from many parent-run Sports Booster Clubs and Youth Athletic Programs.

For information on how to contact the various booster clubs and community youth athletic groups, plus links to their various websites, please go to www.bhbl.org and click on Athletics.

YMCA Child Care Programs

Through a cooperative arrangement between the school district and the YMCA, child care is available for elementary students before and after school, during the half days, and during school vacations.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students can enroll in the **Y Time** program held in our elementary schools. Activities include homework help, snack, gym games, art, science, socialization, and fun with friends. For information, contact the YMCA at 518-399-8118.

The Y also offers an after-school **Middle School Program** at the Glenville YMCA. This program offers homework help, snack, swimming, gym games, outside hikes, and the opportunity to work out in the Wellness Center. For information, contact the YMCA at 518-399-8118.

Other Child Care Support

Parents may request that their child be transported to or from a babysitter's home or a child care provider's location as long as those locations fall within certain limits. See the Transportation section of the district website for the rules on having children bused to any location other than the child's home and for a list of licensed day care providers known to operate within the BH-BL school district.

Summer Recreation Program

A program that uses school district facilities but is neither operated nor funded by the district is the Summer Recreation Program. Costs are paid by the towns of Ballston and Glenville, and by registration



fees. Summer Rec is offered to children entering grades 1 through 7.

This four-week program is held Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. It offers a wide variety of activities including swim lessons, field trips, arts and crafts, games room, and organized athletics. A Summer Rec flyer is sent home in the spring, and online registration is held in late April, as indicated in this calendar. For more information email bhsummerrec@gmail.com.

CAPTAIN Community Human Services, Inc.

CAPTAIN Community Human Services, Inc. (518-399-4624 or www.captaincares.org) is a community-based, not-for-profit agency providing services and referrals for families and youth in the local community. The agency uses professionals, trained volunteers, and community resources to meet the needs presented. Youth Services include:

Job Match: A referral service for youth ages 14 to 21 who are seeking part-time or temporary employment, and for businesses looking to hire teens. The Job Match Coordinator is available at the high school during posted office hours and online. Go to www.captaincares.org and click on Job Match/Youth Services.

Employment Skills Program (ESP): This program offers one-on-one job skills training and employment support for youth, including training on how to get and keep gainful employment.

Family Support Services: Parenting Education workshops and advocacy are offered throughout the year on issues such as developmental stages of childhood, communication in families, sibling rivalry, and advocating for the needs of disabled children. CAPTAIN Community Human Services also offers transportation services for medical appointments.



Transportation Guidelines & Policies

Bus Software & Student ID Cards

A top priority for BH-BL is safety and attendance. We now use MyRideK-12 software and district-issued student ID cards for easy bus attendance. Student ID cards are issued the first week of school. Parents are encouraged to download the MyRideK-12 app to view their child's bus attendance, bus route, and receive notices if their child's bus will be late and other information. Questions can be directed to the BH-BL Transportation Department at 518-399-9141, ext. 83524.

Musical Instruments on Buses

For safety purposes, large musical instruments may not be transported by students on regular bus runs. The following instruments do not meet size requirements: bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, guitar, cello (all sizes), string bass, and drum sets. The following instruments may be transported by students on regular bus runs: piccolo, flute, oboe, soprano clarinet, bassoon, alto saxophone, trumpet, percussion kit, violin, and viola.



Important Information for Parents

- The bus routes are mailed to parents in late August, and are also available on the MyRideK-12 app. The routes will help you identify the bus your children will ride to and from school this year and their approximate pickup time. Buses leave the district's Transportation Center on Lakehill Road at the time indicated for each route and make their pick ups along district roads in the order indicated.
- Please call the Transportation Department with any questions about bus schedules. Schedules and routes may change, particularly during September.
- Before school opens, please discuss the importance of bus safety rules with your children. Students will also take part in bus safety drills at each school in September, December and March.
- We use only bus symbols (rather than numbers) on our regular bus routes. Symbols are easier for small children in particular to remember, and they can be consistently maintained when buses need to be off the road temporarily for inspections or repairs.

- For safety purposes, the use of cellphones on the bus for students in grades K-8 is prohibited.

Transportation Policies

Bus transportation is provided for all children. Bus stops for kindergartners will be within 1/10 of a mile of the child's home where turn-around space is available to a regularly scheduled bus. All elementary children living on roads with posted speed limits of 40 mph or greater will be picked up and dropped off at the beginning of the nearest driveway or dead end street. Other students may be required to walk up to 6/10 of a mile to a bus stop.

Dropping off kindergarten and first-grade students: After school, no kindergarten or first-grade student will be dropped off unless an adult or older sibling is present to receive them. If no adult or older sibling is there, the driver may try to drop the child off again later in the bus run or simply return the child to his or her school.

Any change in bus assignment must be approved by the transportation supervisor. No one may enter a school bus except students and authorized personnel. To avoid safety problems, buses will not transport children to non-school activities or to friends' homes after school except in emergency circumstances. Bus drivers will not accept directions

for emergency transportation from anyone except a principal. Parents may request that children be regularly transported to a babysitter's home within the child's school attendance area or to a state-licensed day care center anywhere within district boundaries. A request should be made in writing to the Transportation Department. A list of licensed day care providers is posted on the district website under Transportation.

Bus Safety Guidelines

Safety is a shared practice involving the driver, students, parents and school administrators. Once students are on board, the driver has complete responsibility. The bus is an extension of the classroom; students are required to conduct themselves according to established standards of classroom behavior. Disciplinary problems will be handled in a progressive manner starting with a verbal warning. Children who become a serious disciplinary problem may have their riding privileges suspended by the school principal.

Students are expected to follow instructions from their bus driver at all times.

Additionally, for safety students should:

- Be on time at the bus stop—five to 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Wait at least 15 feet from where the bus will stop, away from traffic, where the driver can see them.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before crossing the road, boarding, or exiting.
- Cross the road at least 15 feet in front of the bus, making sure they see the driver and the driver sees them.
- Properly secure their seat belts and remain seated.
- Keep hands, etc., inside the bus, and never throw anything out the window.
- Not eat on the bus.
- Be sure all personal items, book bags, etc., can fit on their laps or directly under their seat.
- Be courteous to one another.

BH-BL PTA Officers & Contacts for 2025-26

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